GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3860
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MISSING OF FILES OF UPHAR FIRE TRADGEDY
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several important documents relating to Uphar Cinema fire tragedy a high profile case, have been found missing from the court;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made by the Government in this regard;

(c)if so, the details of the inquiry alongwith the punishment accorded to the accused; and

(d) the precautionary measures have been proposed by the Government to avoid such happenings in the future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P.C. THOMAS)

(a) to (d) Yes, Madam. During the course of trial, it was observed that some of the documents were partly torn and some not available at all in the court records. The trial court ordered for leading of secondary evidence in the form of photocopies of these records. As far as the prosecution evidence is concerned, there is no loss since secondary evidence has been allowed and being led.

No proposal is under the consideration of the Central Government to make an inquiry in this regard.